

WASHINGTON, DC—Tomorrow marks the two hundredth day of the 112th Congress. To mark the occasion, Representative Xavier Becerra (CA-31), Vice Chair of the House Democratic Caucus, released the following statement:

**“Facts are stubborn things. It’s been two hundred days since Republicans took control of Congress, yet they haven’t passed a single bill into law that would put millions of Americans back to work. In fact, instead of creating jobs, their major pieces of legislation could potentially cost two million more Americans to lose their jobs.**

**The American people want us to focus on creating a cutting-edge economy that puts America ahead of the competition, jumpstarts new industries, rebuilds our roads and bridges, and helps America’s working families get back to work.**

**Too many politicians are not listening to the American people. The Republican’s shortsighted agenda forcing the middle class, our seniors and children to pay for deficits caused by massive Bush tax cuts to the rich and two unpaid for wars is simply wrong for our nation. We’ve reduced the deficits before and we can do it again if we focus on America’s priorities: educating our youth, creating millions of good paying jobs and strengthening the middle class.”**

Congress has passed bills that would destroy nearly 2 million jobs and create economic uncertainty:

- HR 1 – The [House-passed spending bill](#) would destroy [700,000 jobs](#) , stall our economic recovery, and protect subsidies for Big Oil.
- HR 2 – The [health care law repeal bill](#) would put insurance companies back in charge and [destroy more than 300,000 jobs.](#)
- H. Con. Res. 34 – On top of ending Medicare as we know it to pay for tax breaks for Big Oil, multi-millionaires and corporations shipping jobs overseas, H. Con. Res. 34 would cut key investment to our economic future like education, college aid, life-saving medical research, infrastructure, and clean energy. This would cost Americans 1.7 million jobs by 2014, with 900,000 jobs lost next year, according to Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody’s Analytics.

